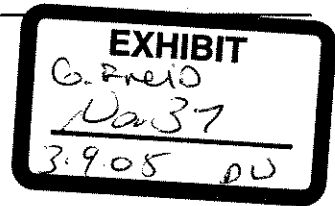


EXHIBIT “A”

Matt Caine

From: Matt Caine [mcaine@cbwllc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2004 2:02 PM
To: 'GF47@aol.com'
Subject: Pointe Group Invoice



Gerry,

As a follow up to your request and in advance of tomorrow's closing, attached is our invoice for services provided in this transaction. Please review and let me know if you have any questions.

Also, I have been asked by Mary Cole (at McCullough, Stievater & Polvere) to forward a copy to her as well and will be sending it to her shortly. Thanks.

Matt

Casas, Benjamin & White, LLC

CBW

Invoice: 1987

September 29, 2004

Board of Directors
The Pointe Group
Healthcare and Senior Living
615 Heath Street
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
Attn: Gerry Freid

Re: The Pointe Group/Epoch Senior Living Transaction

For Professional Services Rendered

Investment banking services provided in connection with sale of Chestnut Hill (Hammond Pointe and Boylston Place) and Cranberry Pointe facilities pursuant to CBW engagement letter dated September 4, 2003 and as amended December 20, 2003.

Aggregate Transaction Value as defined	\$31,950,000.00
Percentage applied on first \$25,000,000.00	3%
Percentage applied on remaining \$6,950,000.00	4%
Subtotal	1,028,000.00
Remaining out-of-pocket expenses previously billed	5,030.46
Balance due at Closing	<u>\$ 1,033,030.46</u>

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Special Instructions: Notify David Neilson and Lenora Bradford

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